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4. Possible Disbanding of the PTPs.

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All members of the Auxiliary [redacted] 1952 were politically class [redacted] training. Allegedly the [redacted] the length of service in [redacted] PTPs depended on the progress of political "education" of each member, i.e. could have been practically unlimited. After the 1953 call-up class nobody was assigned to the PTPs any more. This would indicate an imminent complete abolition of these penal units. It is believed among the soldiers that the regime [redacted] decided to disband the PTPs under the pressure of criticism in the West, where the PTPs were described as military concentration camps.

5. Low Morale of Reservists.

The morale of the reservists of the class-year 1926 who were called up for a refresher course at Libava (P50/007) in September 1954 was very low. This found an open expression, especially during political lectures. As an example

[redacted] At one of the lectures, when the Political Officer spoke of war danger and was stressing the need for preparedness, somebody among the soldiers said: "Do you really think that you will find somebody willing to fight for this dirty business?" The Political Officer did not attempt to identify the speaker but shouted:

on another [redacted] time the speaker was not [redacted] quences."

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1. [redacted] Comment. "Tesla", national enterprise, is an electronic radio and electric appliances manufacturing concern which also supplies radar equipment to the Army. Its main factories are in Prague.

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1. Replacement of Military Radio Transmitters.

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the Army was replacing the hitherto used US and Soviet made radio transmitters with Tesla transmitters. [ ] these new transmitters were inferior in quality, 25X1 to both the US and Russian sets; in some cases it was allegedly necessary to change the tubes several times in a single day. [ ] the 25X1 Tesla plant was supplying the Army with ultra-short wave "beam transmitters" (smernye radiostantsii) equipped both for phone and WT operation. These transmitters can be connected onto the Siemens teletype machines, which have been in use by the Army already for some time (radio ultra-short-wave teletype - radiodalnopsis UKV).<sup>1</sup> The Tesla plant also supplies the Army with small typewriters and calculating machines.

- ## 2. Replacement of Army Trucks.

The "Praga RN" trucks which formed the majority of the Army truck park are being gradually replaced by a new Tatra three-ton truck powered by a 95 HP eight-cylinder "Monopost" engine. The Tatra truck has a four-wheel drive and a locking (sic) differential.

3. Construction of Jet Airfield near Caslav Stopped.

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all work on the construction of a new jet airfield near Caslav (050/M47) was completely stopped. In the autumn of 1953 some of the runways were already cemented. There were no permanent buildings on the airfield at the time of the stoppage of work, only temporary wooden barracks. It is believed that work on the construction of the airfield will not be resumed. Reasons for the abandoning of the project are not known.

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All members of the Auxiliary Technical Battalions called up in September 1952 were politically cleared ~~in 1954~~ and underwent basic infantry training. Allegedly they were to be discharged in November 1954. Originally the length of service in the PTPs depended on the progress of political "reeducation" of each member, i.e. could have been practically unlimited. ~~After~~ the 1953 call-up class nobody was assigned to the PTPs any more. This would indicate an imminent complete abolition of these penal units. It is believed among the soldiers that the regime decided to disband the PTPs under the pressure of criticism in the West, where the PTPs were described as military concentration camps.

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